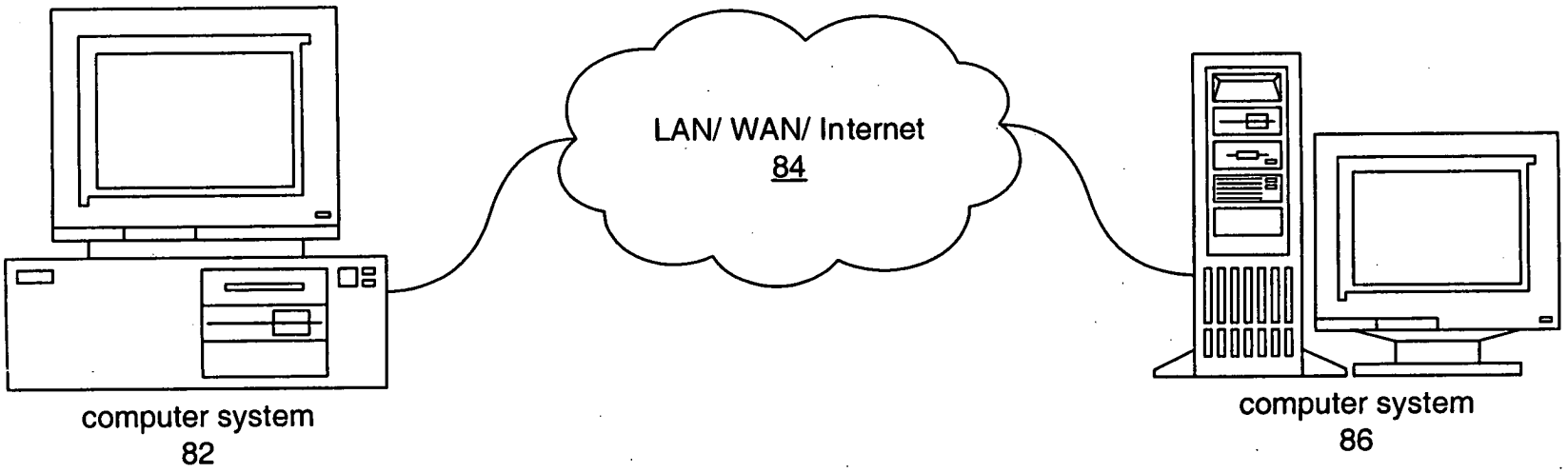


FIG.1

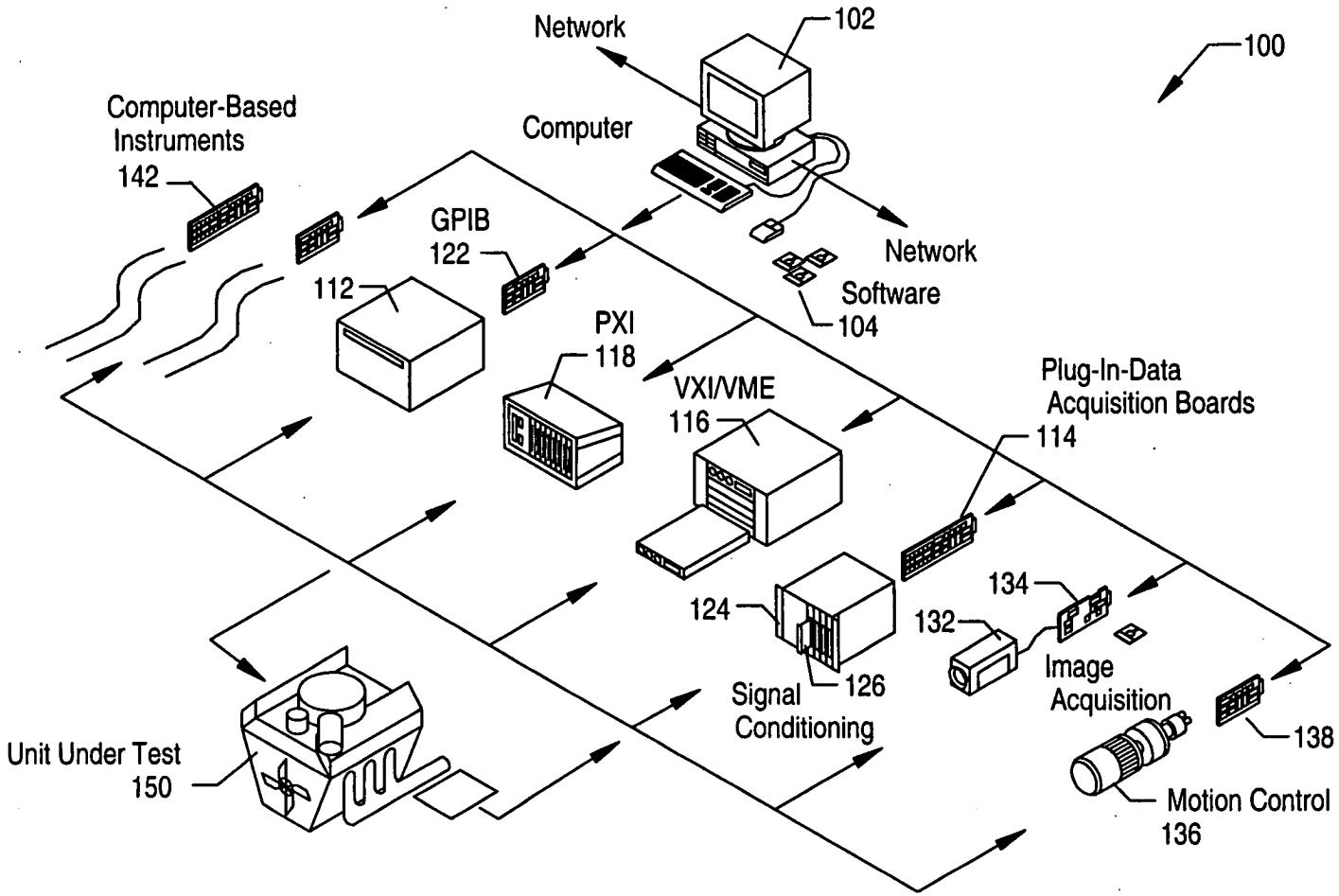


FIG. 2A

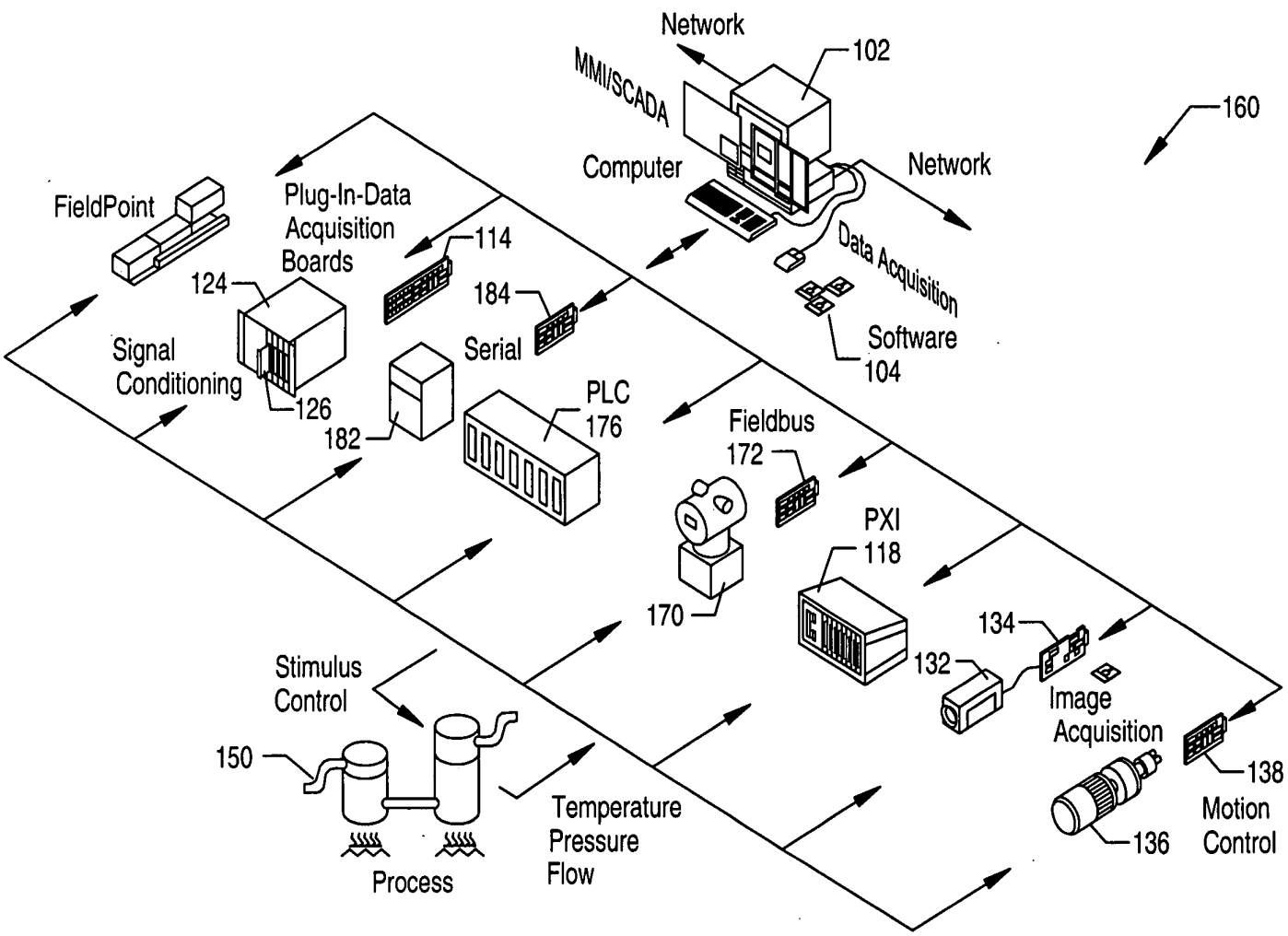
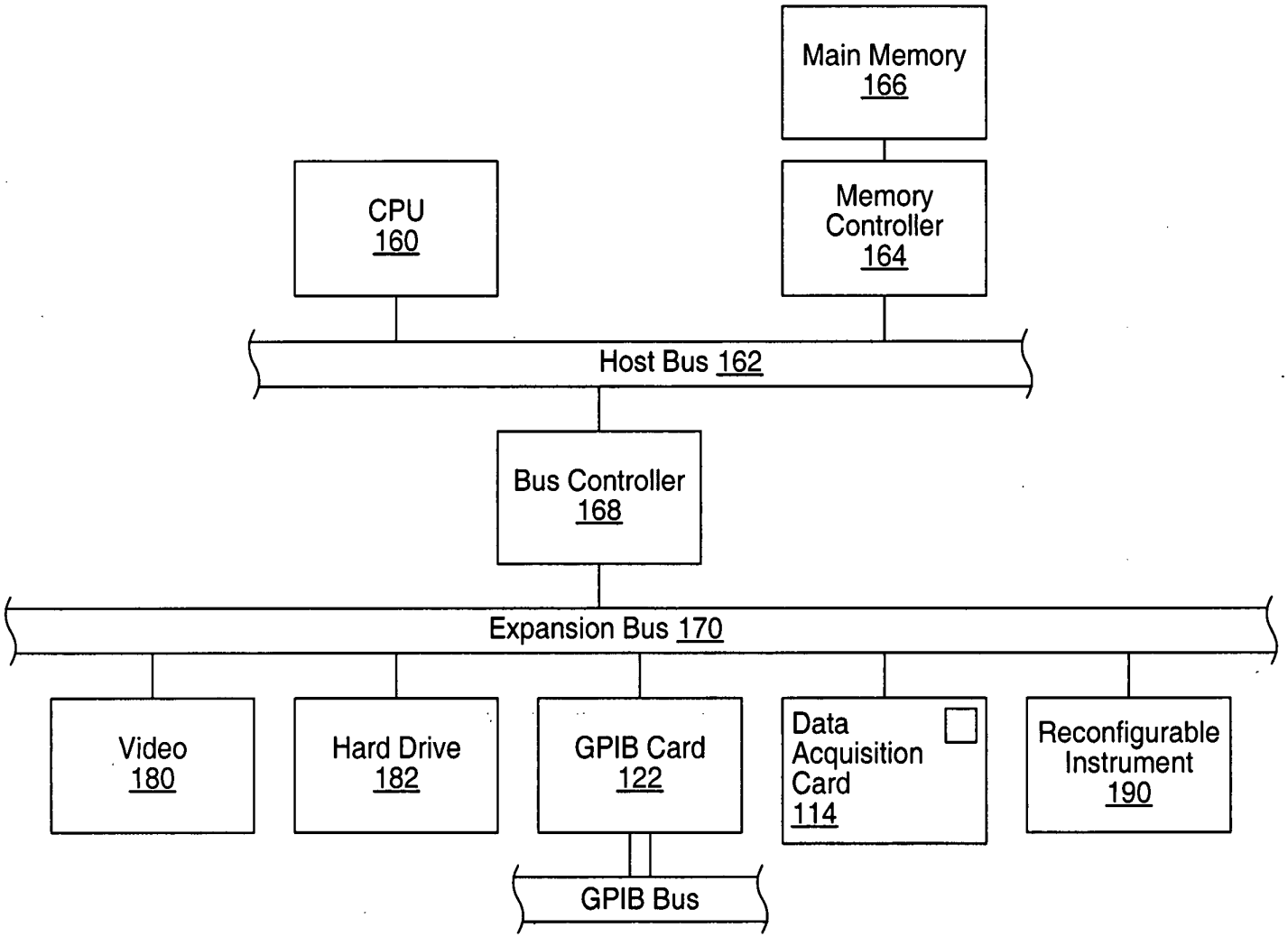


FIG. 2B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Memory
Controller
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Host Bus 162
Bus Controller
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Expansion Bus 170
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Hard Drive
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GPIB Card
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Acquisition
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Instrument
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GPIB Bus

FIG. 3

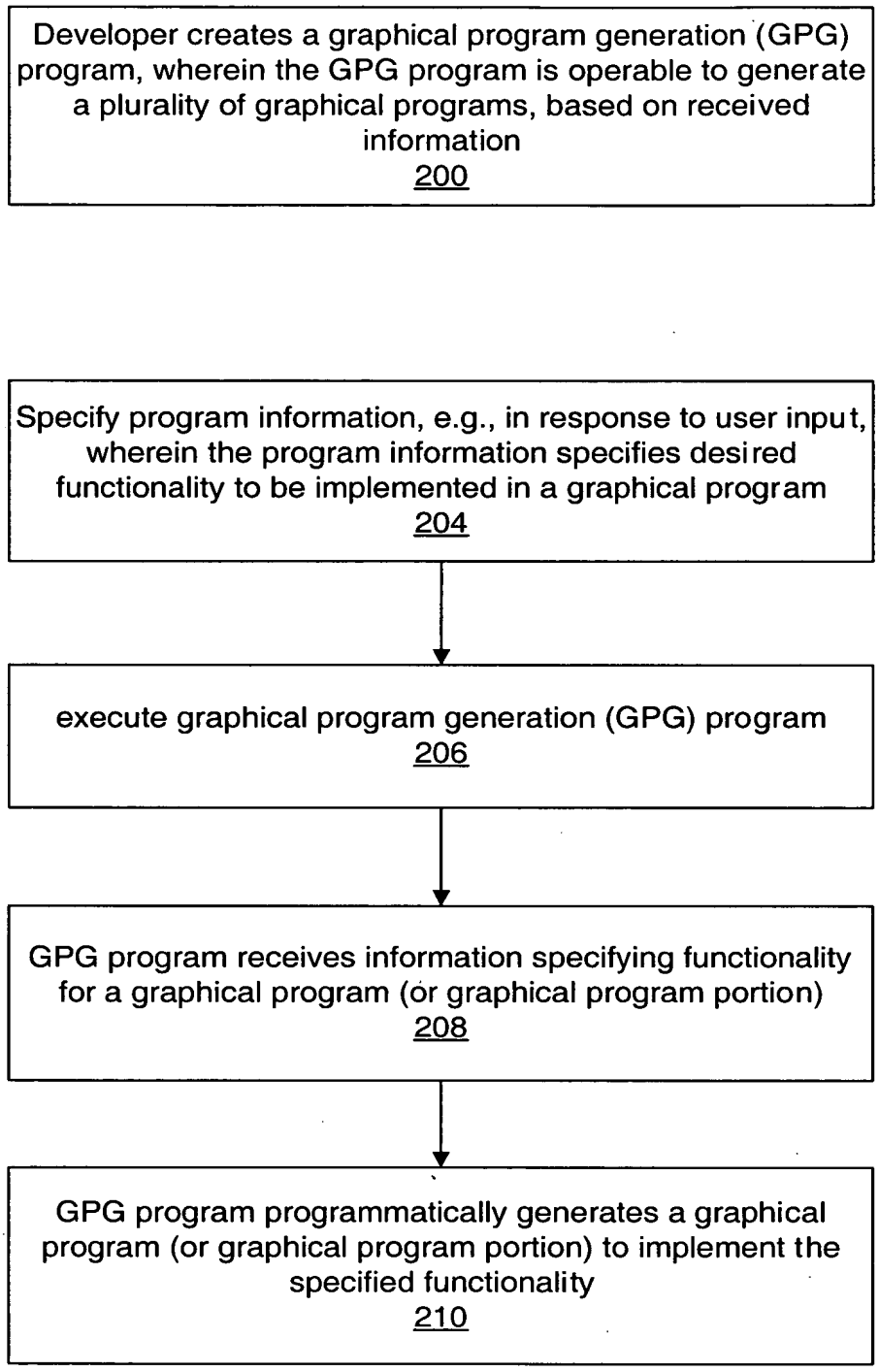

Developer creates a graphical program generation (GPG) program, wherein the GPG program is operable to generate a plurality of graphical programs, based on received information
200
Specify program information, e.g., in response to user input, wherein the program information specifies desired functionality to be implemented in a graphical program
204
execute graphical program generation (GPG) program
206
GPG program receives information specifying functionality for a graphical program (or graphical program portion)
208
GPG program programmatically generates a graphical program (or graphical program portion) to implement the specified functionality
210

FIG. 4

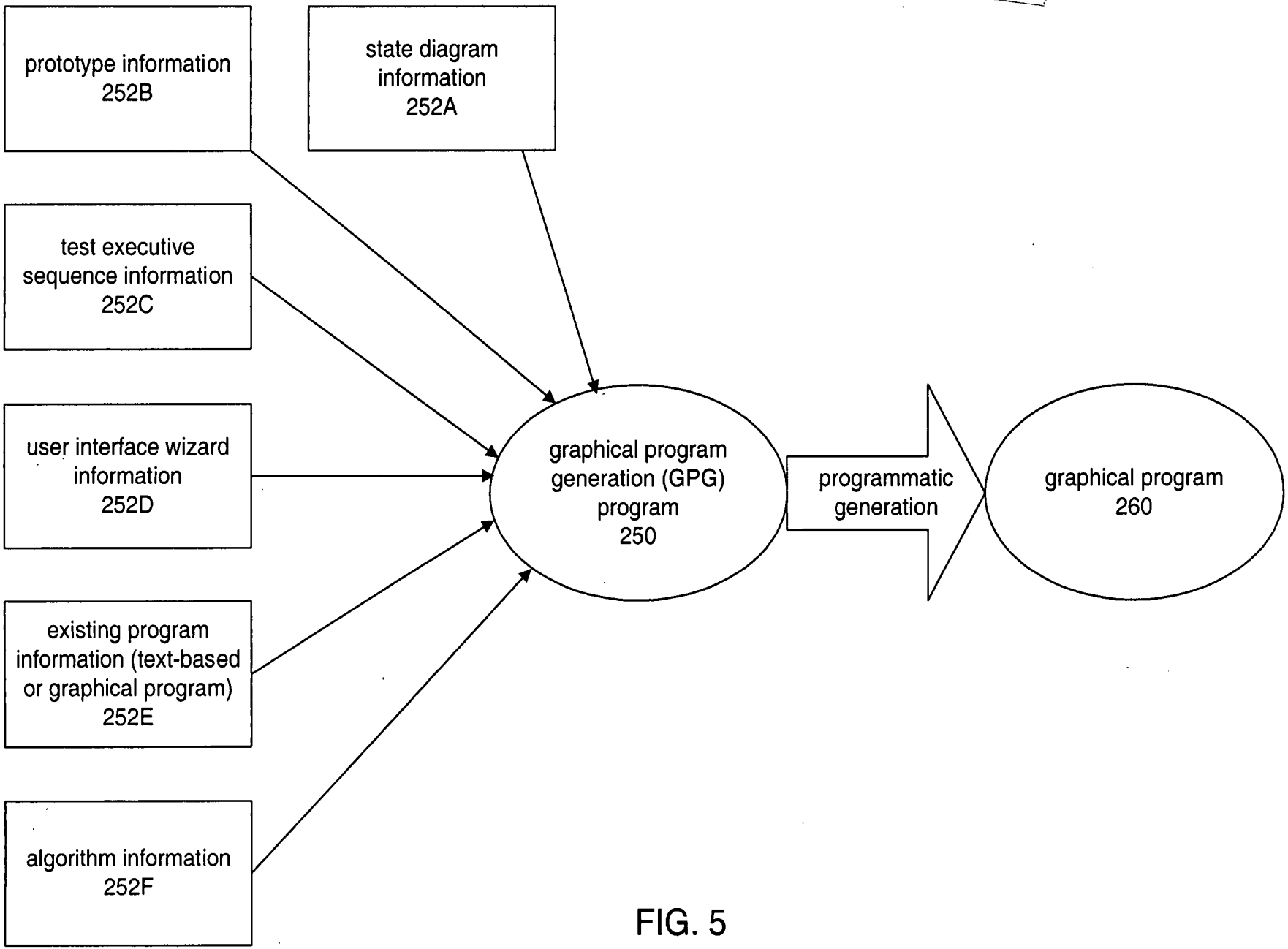


FIG. 5

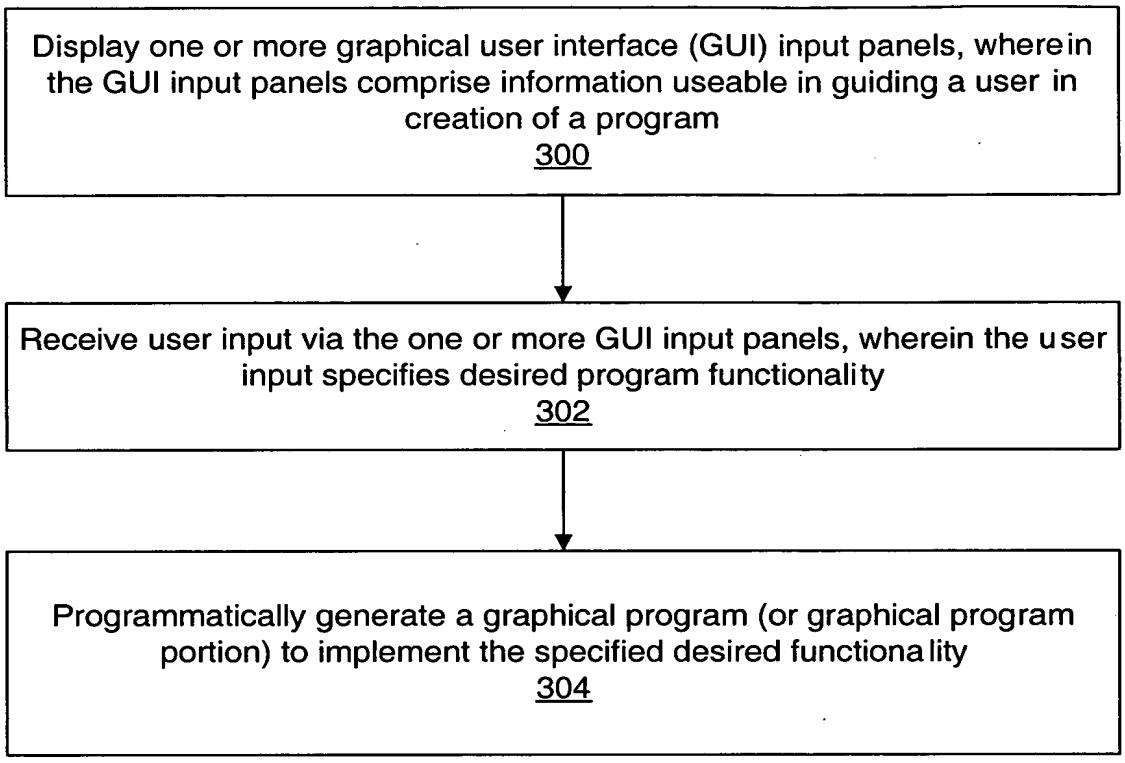

Display one or more graphical user interface (GUI) input panels, wherein the GUI input panels comprise information useable in guiding a user in creation of a program
300
Receive user input via the one or more GUI input panels, wherein the user input specifies desired program functionality
302
Programmatically generate a graphical program (or graphical program portion) to implement the specified desired functionality
304

FIG. 6

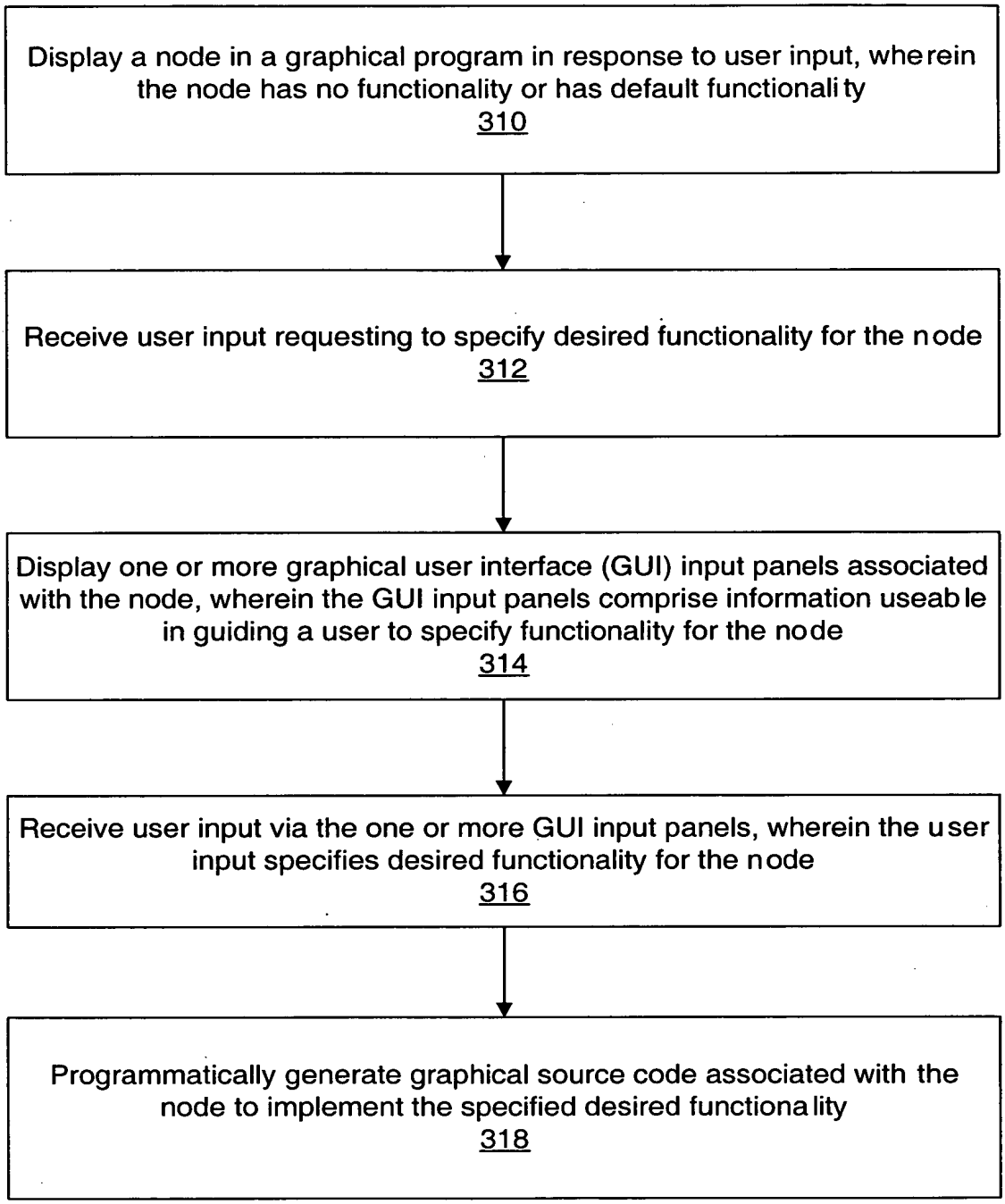
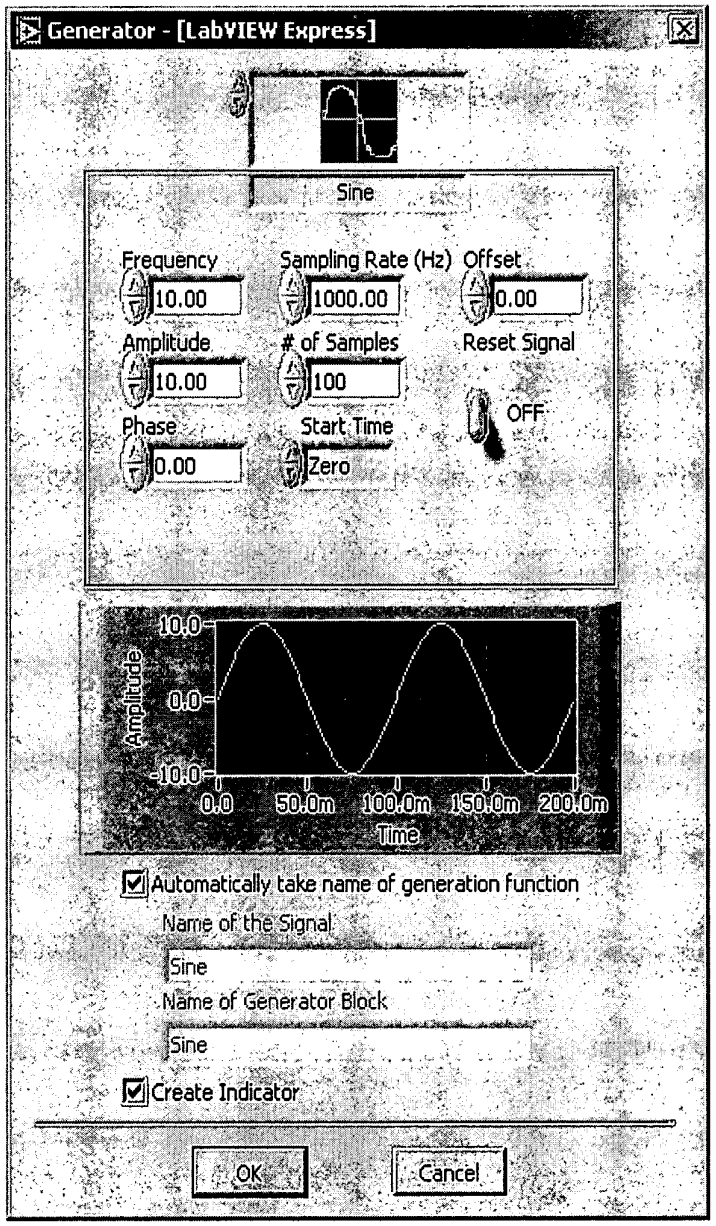

Display a node in a graphical program in response to user input, wherein the node has no functionality or has default functionality
310
Receive user input requesting to specify desired functionality for the node
312
Display one or more graphical user interface (GUI) input panels associated with the node, wherein the GUI input panels comprise information useable in guiding a user to specify functionality for the node
314
Receive user input via the one or more GUI input panels, wherein the user input specifies desired functionality for the node
316
Programmatically generate graphical source code associated with the node to implement the specified desired functionality
318

FIG. 7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0.00
Amplitude
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# of Samples
100
Reset Signal
OFF
Phase
0.00
Start Time
Zero
10.0
0.0
-10.0
Amplitude
0.0
50.0m
100.0m
150.0m
200.0m
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Name of the Signal
Sine
Name of Generator Block
Sine
Create Indicator
OK
Cancel

FIG. 8

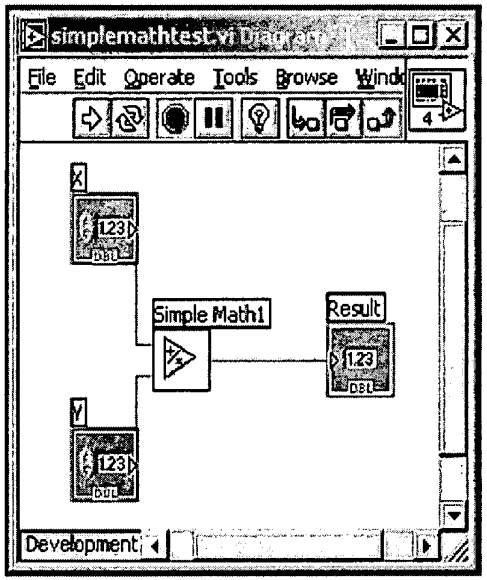


FIG. 9

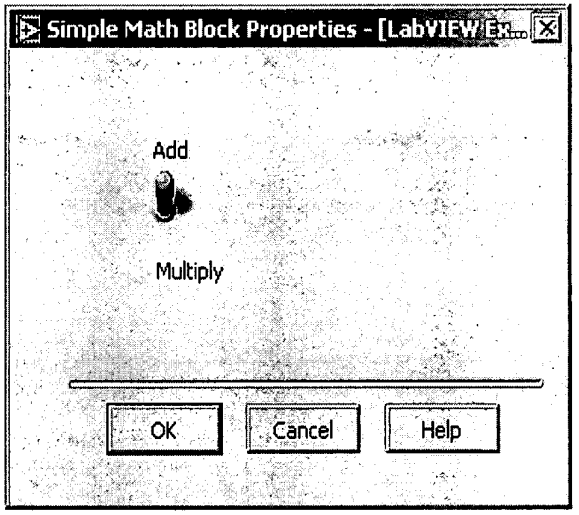


FIG. 10

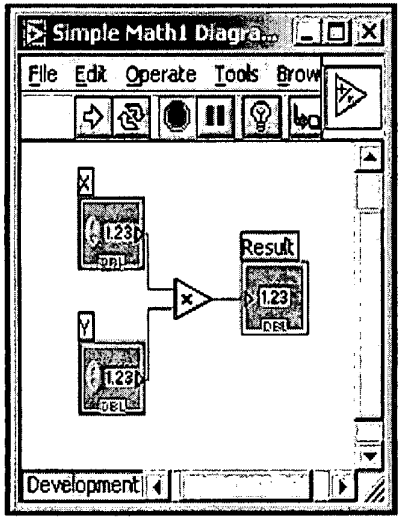


FIG. 11

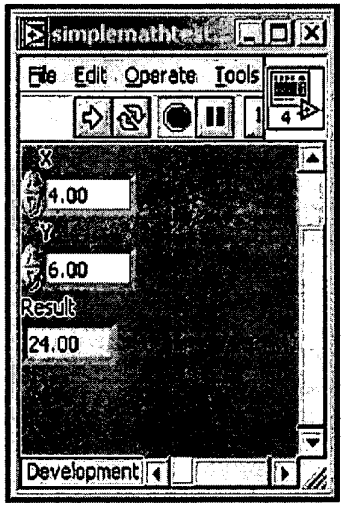
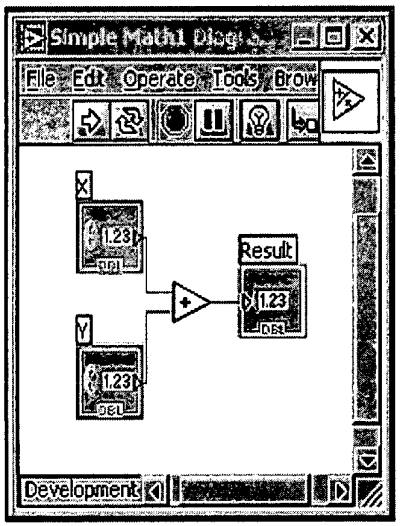


FIG. 12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Y
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DBL
Result
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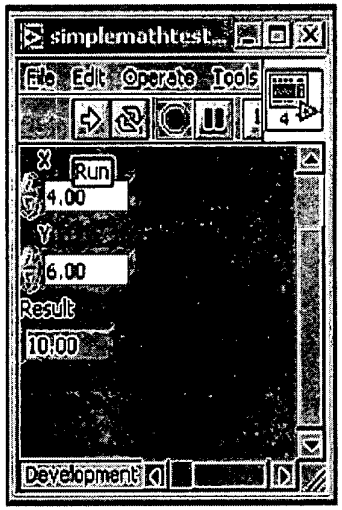
DBL
Development

FIG. 13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Run
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Y
6.00
Result
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Development

FIG. 14

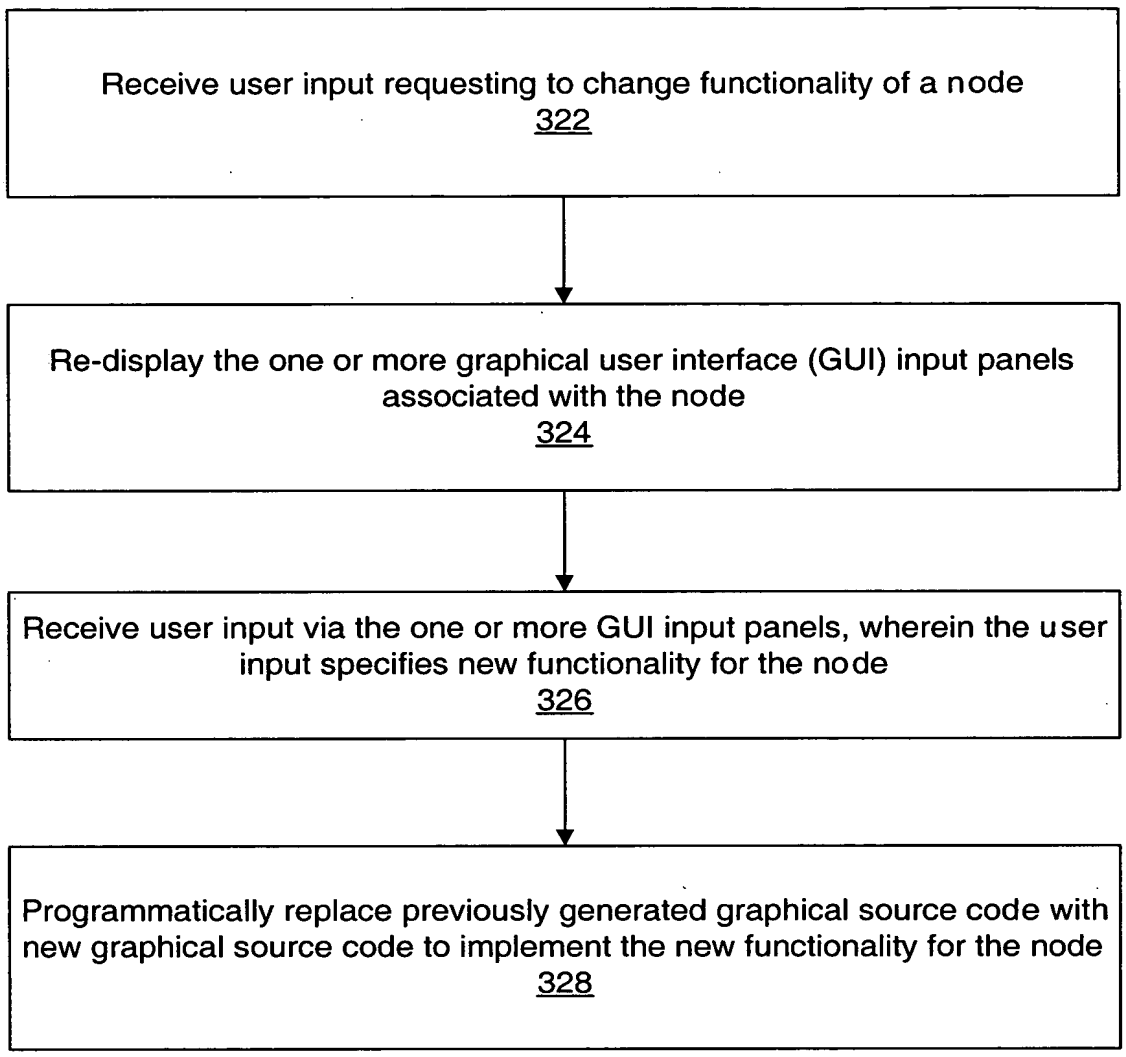

Receive user input requesting to change functionality of a node
322
Re-display the one or more graphical user interface (GUI) input panels associated with the node
324
Receive user input via the one or more GUI input panels, wherein the user input specifies new functionality for the node
326
Programmatically replace previously generated graphical source code with new graphical source code to implement the new functionality for the node
328

FIG. 15

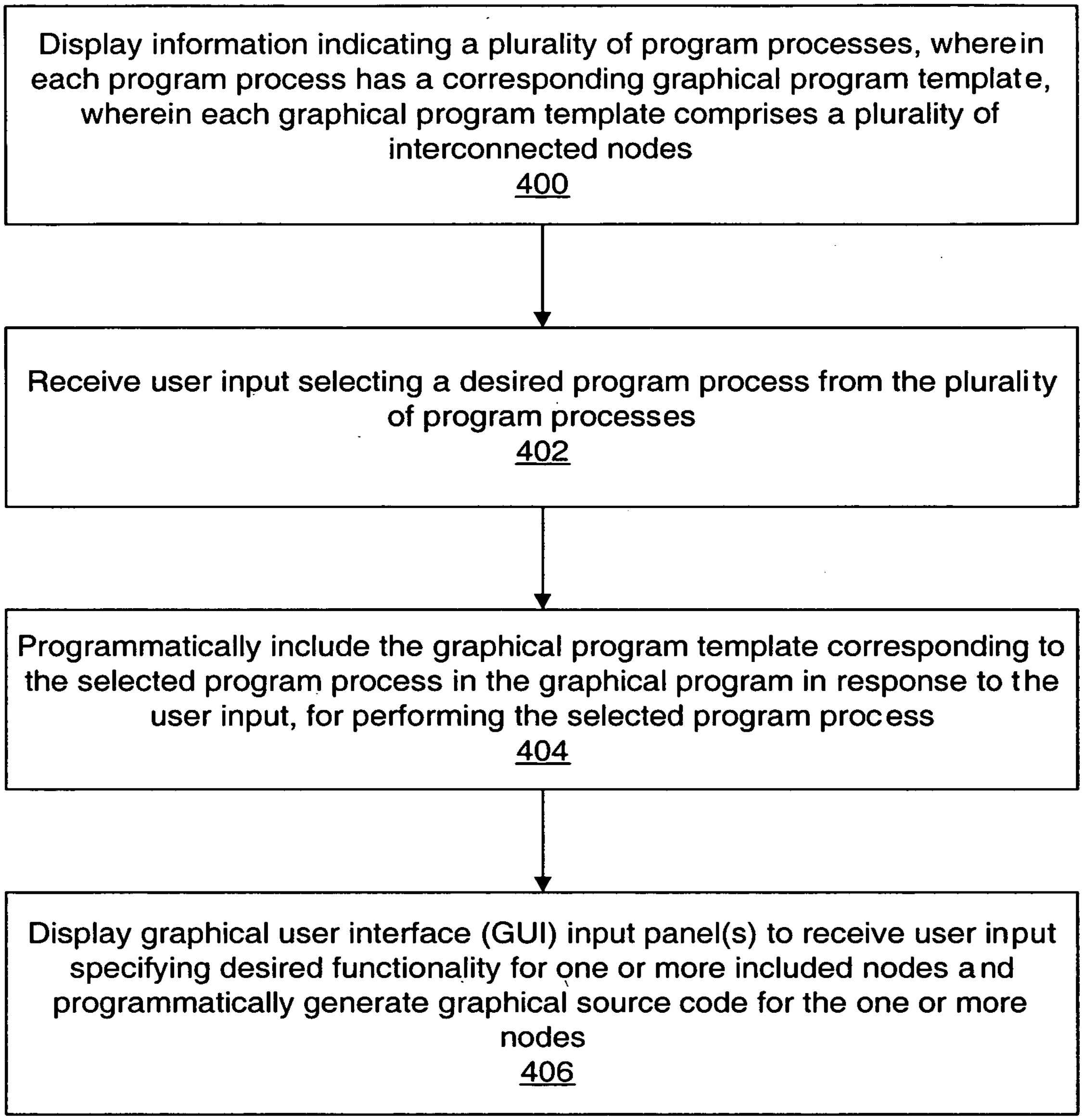
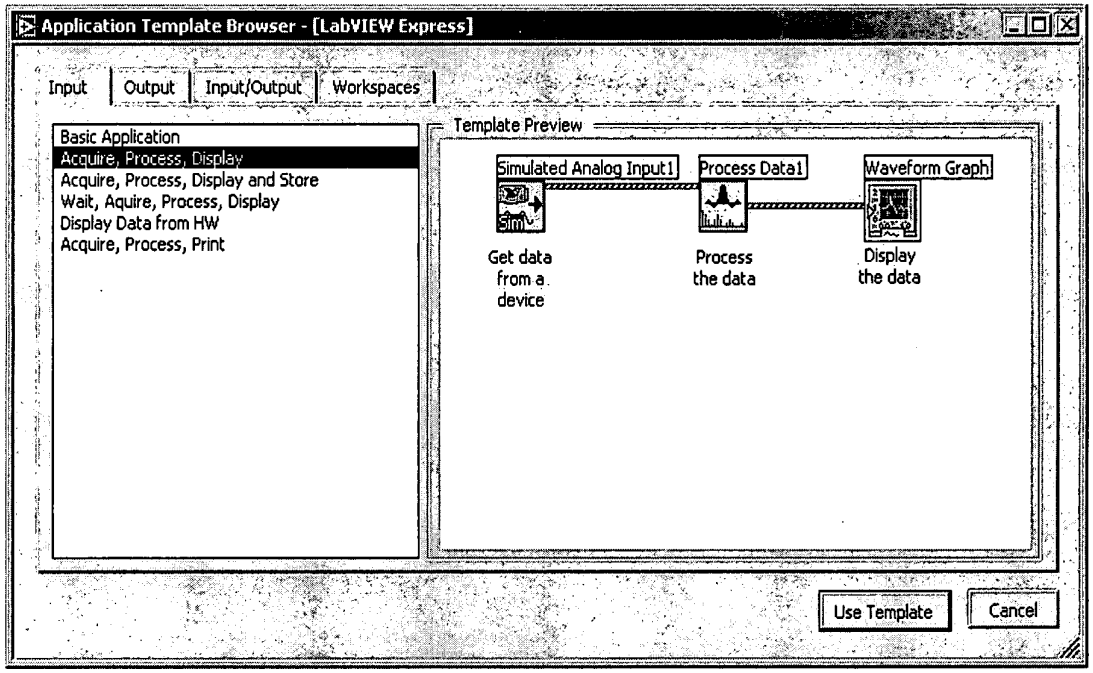

Display information indicating a plurality of program processes, wherein each program process has a corresponding graphical program template, wherein each graphical program template comprises a plurality of interconnected nodes
400
Receive user input selecting a desired program process from the plurality of program processes
402
Programmatically include the graphical program template corresponding to the selected program process in the graphical program in response to the user input, for performing the selected program process
404
Display graphical user interface (GUI) input panel(s) to receive user input specifying desired functionality for one or more included nodes and programmatically generate graphical source code for the one or more nodes
406

FIG. 16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Output
Input/Output
Workspaces
Basic Application
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Acquire, Process, Display and Store
Wait, Aquire, Process, Display
Display Data from HW
Acquire, Process, Print
Template Preview
Simulated Analog Input1
Process Data1
Waveform Graph
Get data from a device
Process the data
Display the data
Use Template
Cancel

FIG. 17

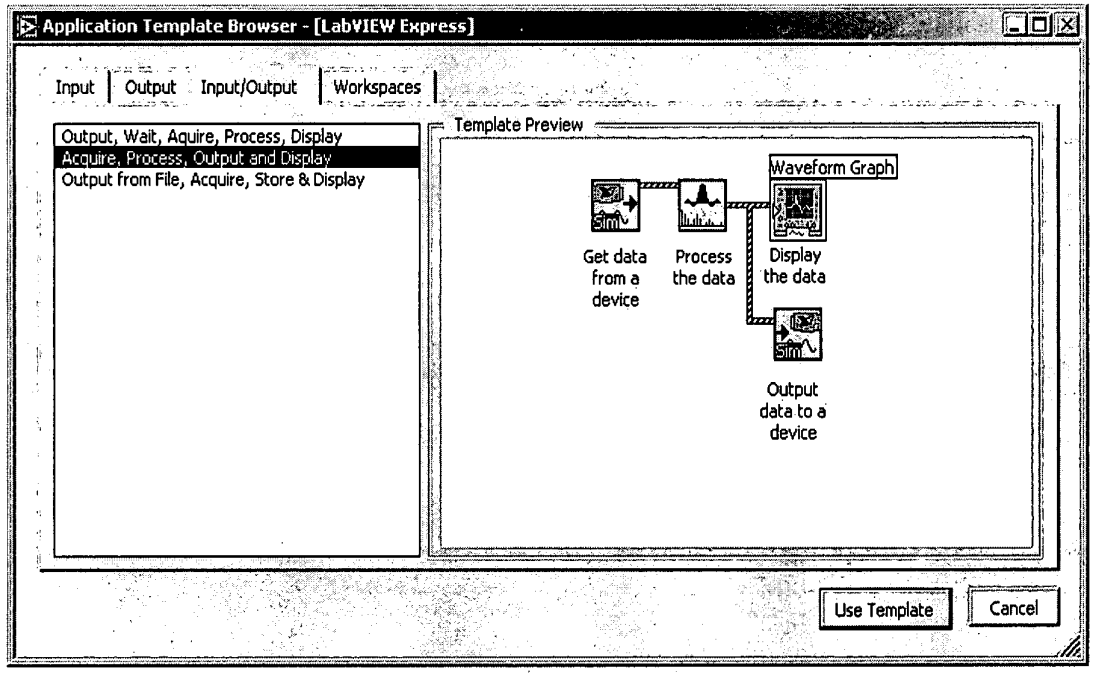

Application Template Browser - [LabVIEW Express]
Input
Output
Input/Output
Workspaces
Output, Wait, Aquire, Process, Display
Acquire, Process, Output and Display
Output from File, Acquire, Store & Display
Template Preview
Waveform Graph
Get data from a device
Process the data
Display the data
Output data to a device
Use Template
Cancel

FIG. 18

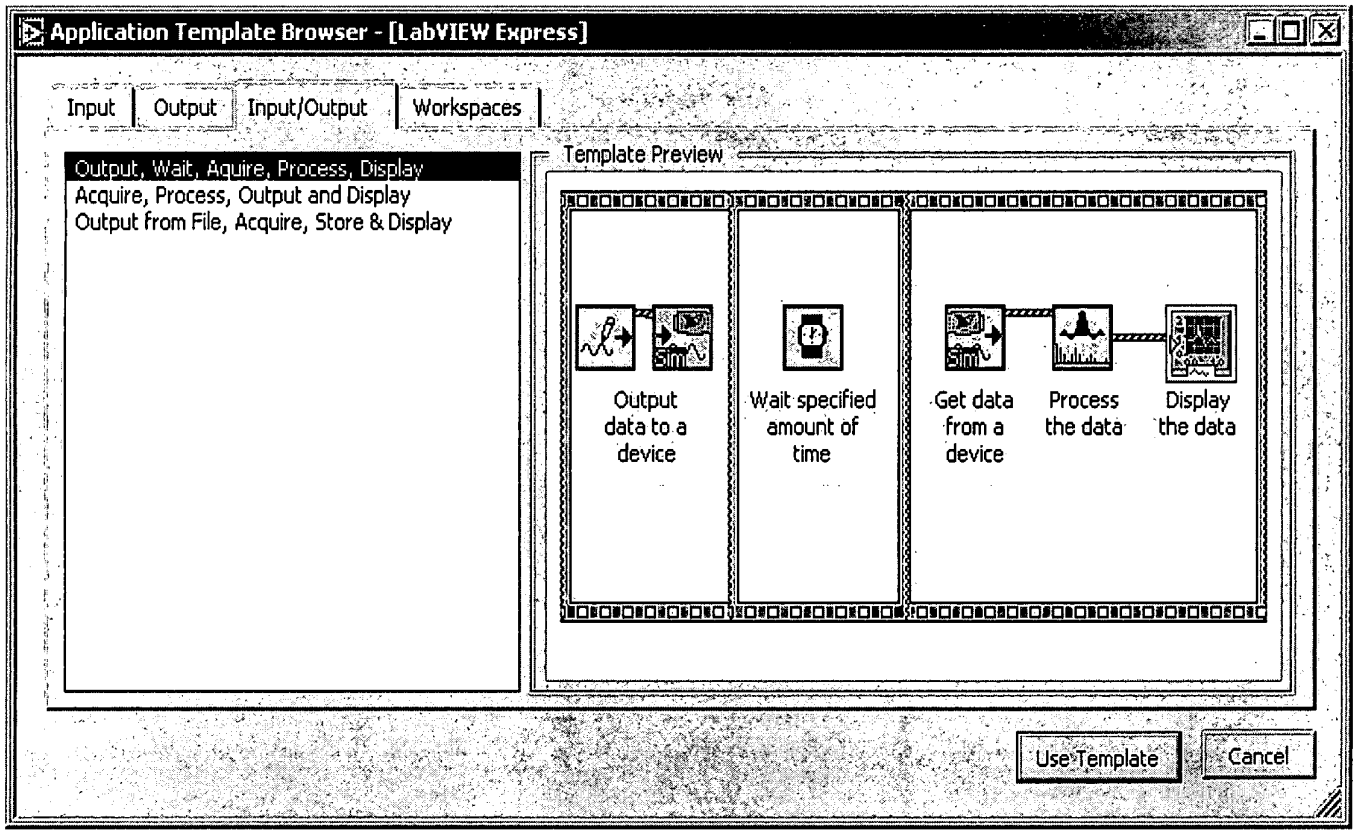
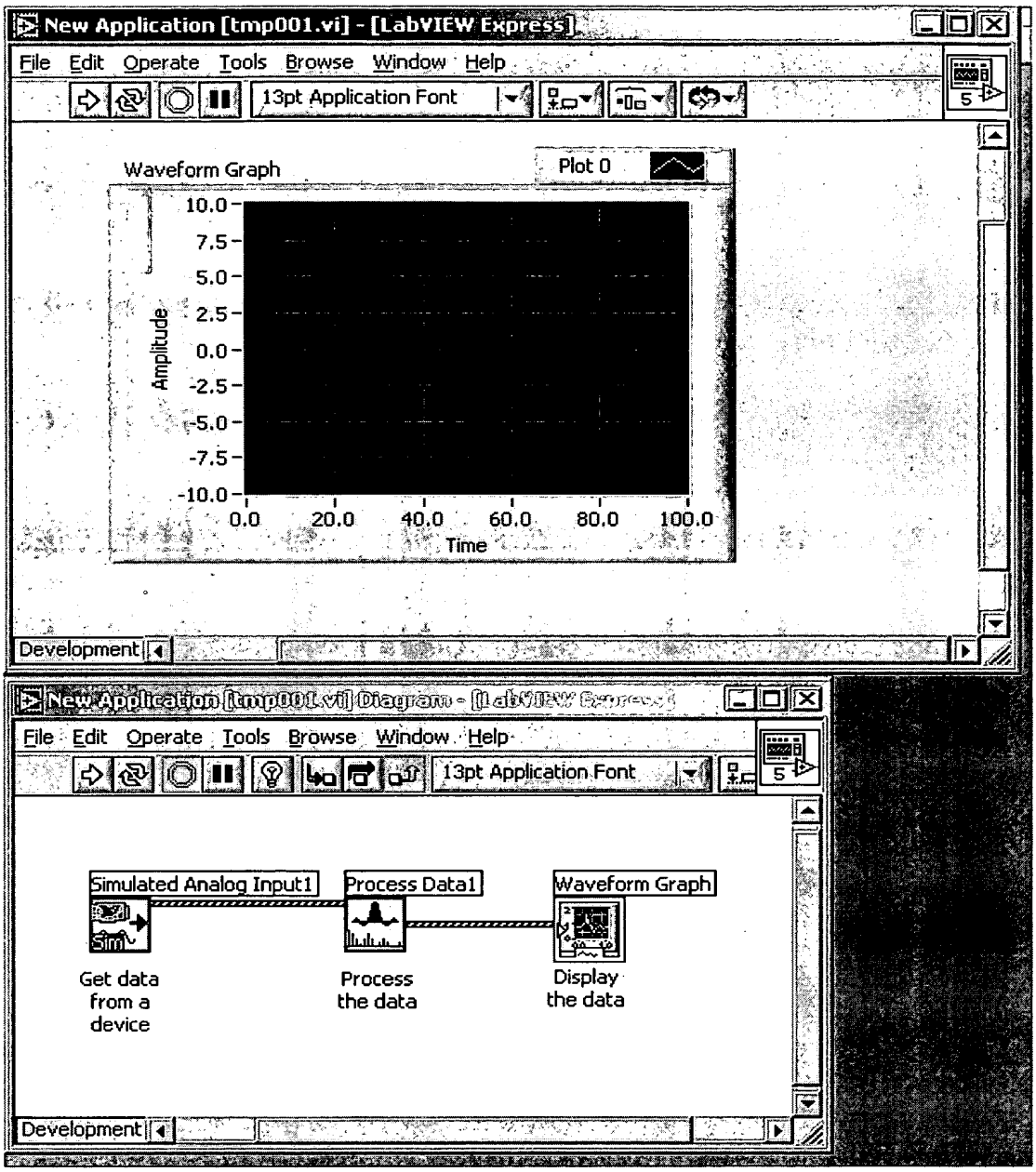

Application Template Browser - [LabVIEW Express]
Input
Output
Input/Output
Workspaces
Output, Wait, Aquire, Process, Display
Acquire, Process, Output and Display
Output from File, Acquire, Store & Display
Template Preview
Output data to a device
Wait specified amount of time
Get data from a device
Process the data
Display the data
Use Template
Cancel

FIG. 19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60.0
80.0
100.0
Time
Development
New Application [tmp001.vi] Diagram
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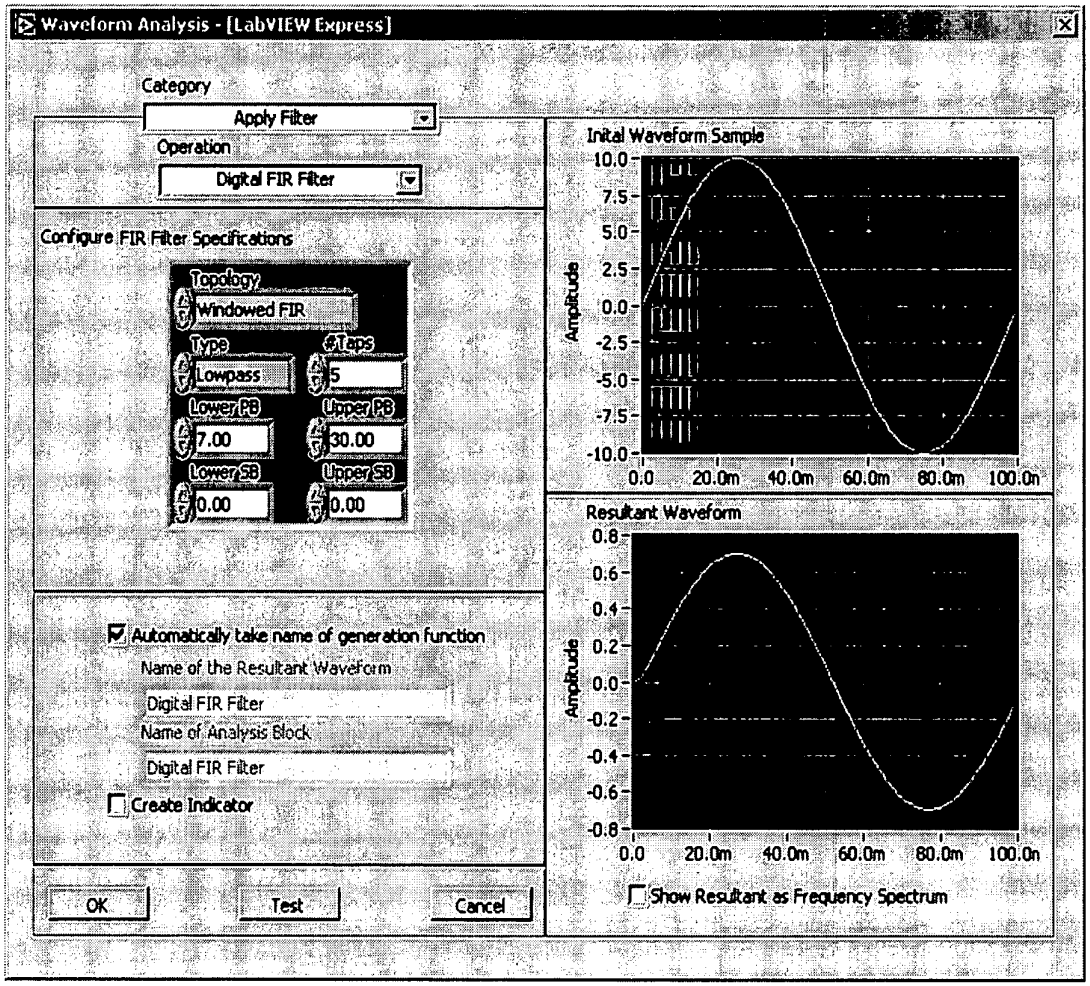
Simulated Analog Input1
Process Data1
Waveform Graph
Get data from a device
Process the data
Display the data
Development

FIG. 20


Waveform Analysis - [LabVIEW Express]
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Operation
Digital FIR Filter
Configure FIR Filter Specifications
Topology
Windowed FIR
Type
Lowpass
#Taps
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Lower PB
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Upper PB
30.00
Lower SB
0.00
Upper SB
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Automatically take name of generation function
Name of the Resultant Waveform
Digital FIR Filter
Name of Analysis Block
Digital FIR Filter
Create Indicator
OK
Test
Cancel
Inital Waveform Sample
Amplitude
10.0
7.5
5.0
2.5
0.0
-2.5
-5.0
-7.5
-10.0
0.0
20.0m
40.0m
60.0m
80.0m
100.0m
Resultant Waveform
Amplitude
0.8
0.6
0.4
0.2
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-0.2
-0.4
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Show Resultant as Frequency Spectrum

FIG. 21

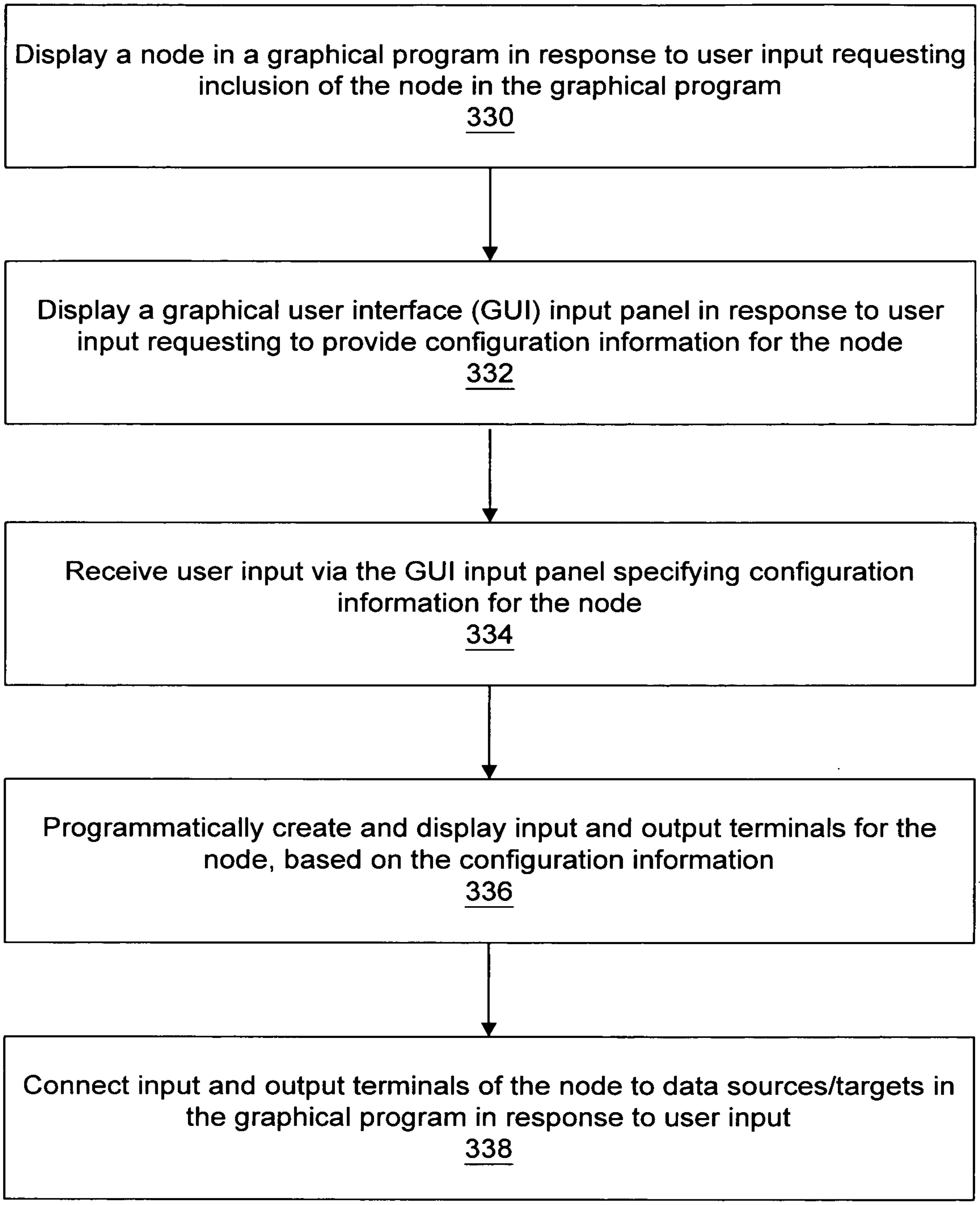
Display a node in a graphical program in response to user input requesting inclusion of the node in the graphical program
330
Display a graphical user interface (GUI) input panel in response to user input requesting to provide configuration information for the node
332
Receive user input via the GUI input panel specifying configuration information for the node
334
Programmatically create and display input and output terminals for the node, based on the configuration information
336
Connect input and output terminals of the node to data sources/targets in the graphical program in response to user input
338

FIG. 22

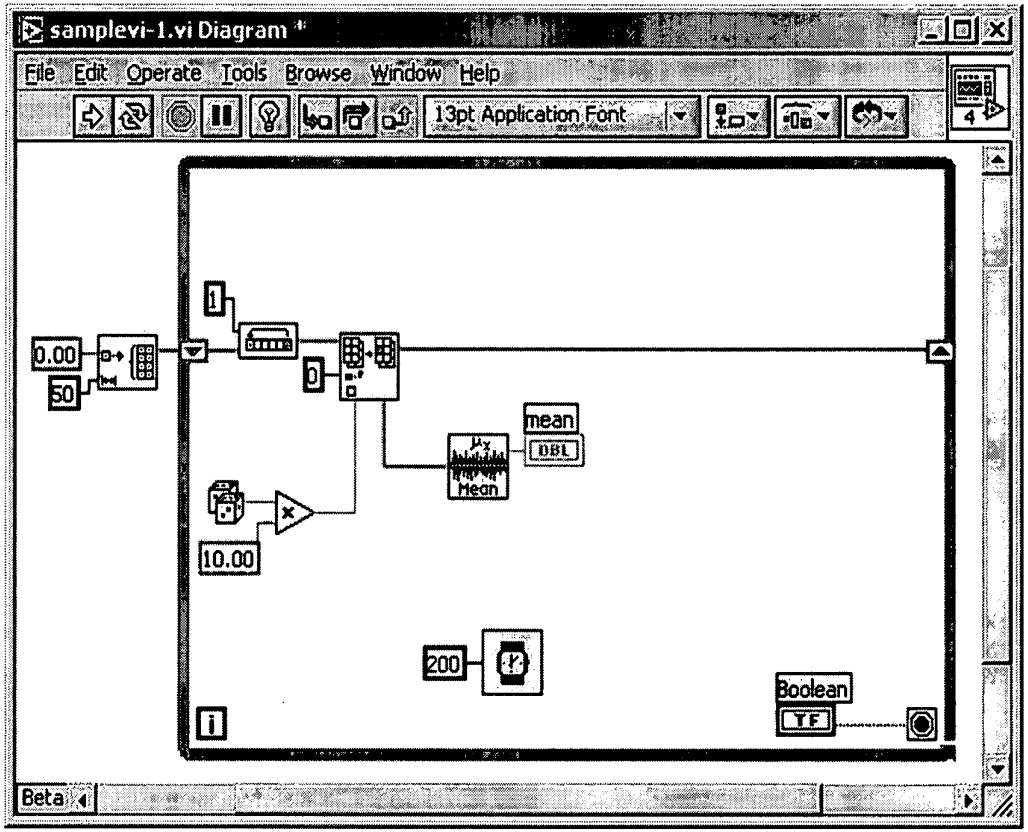

FIG. 23
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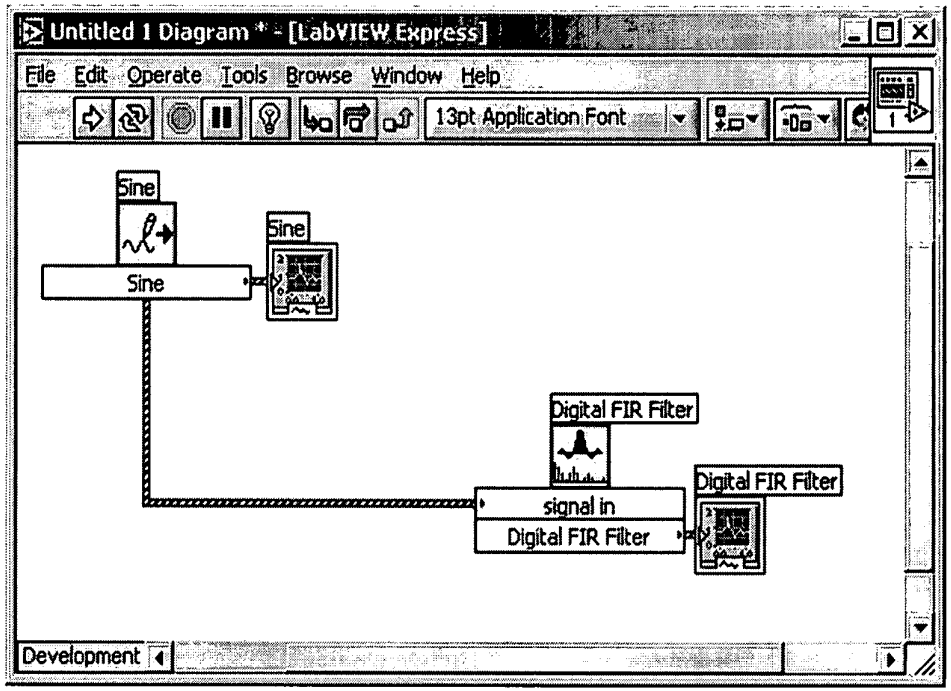
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Sine
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Digital FIR Filter
signal in
Digital FIR Filter
Development

FIG. 24

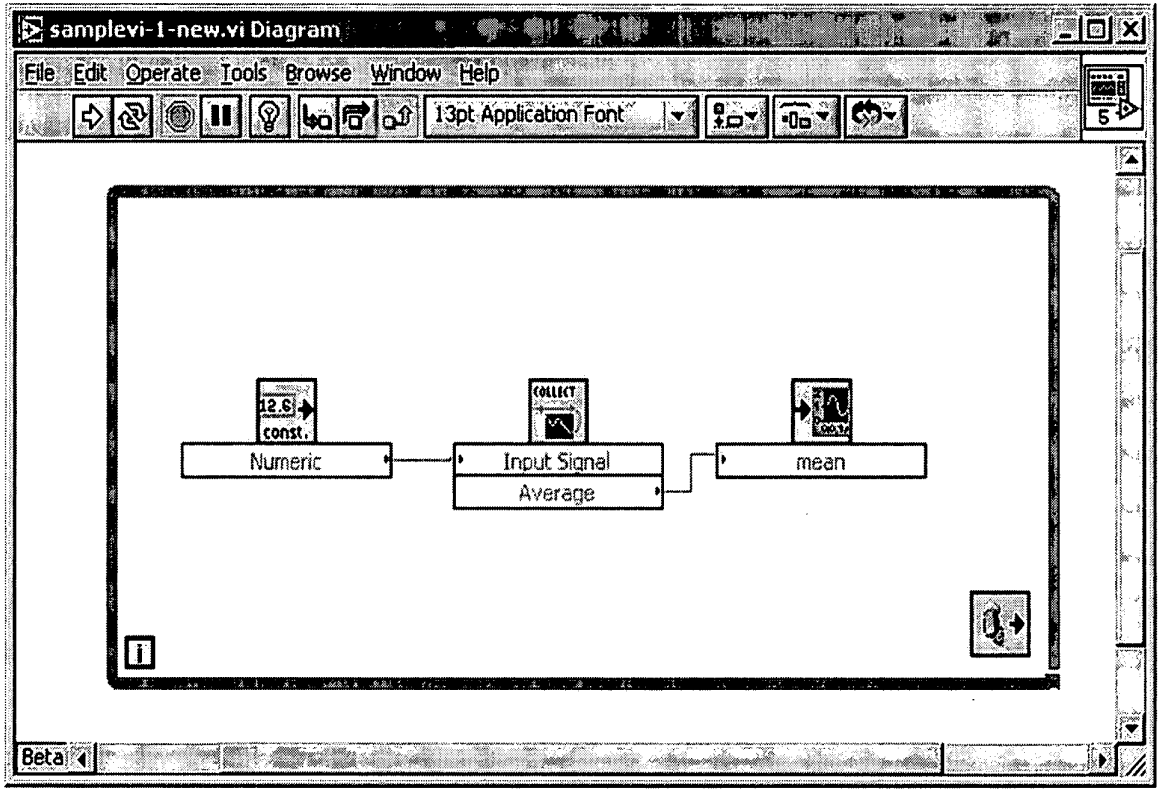
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FIG. 25

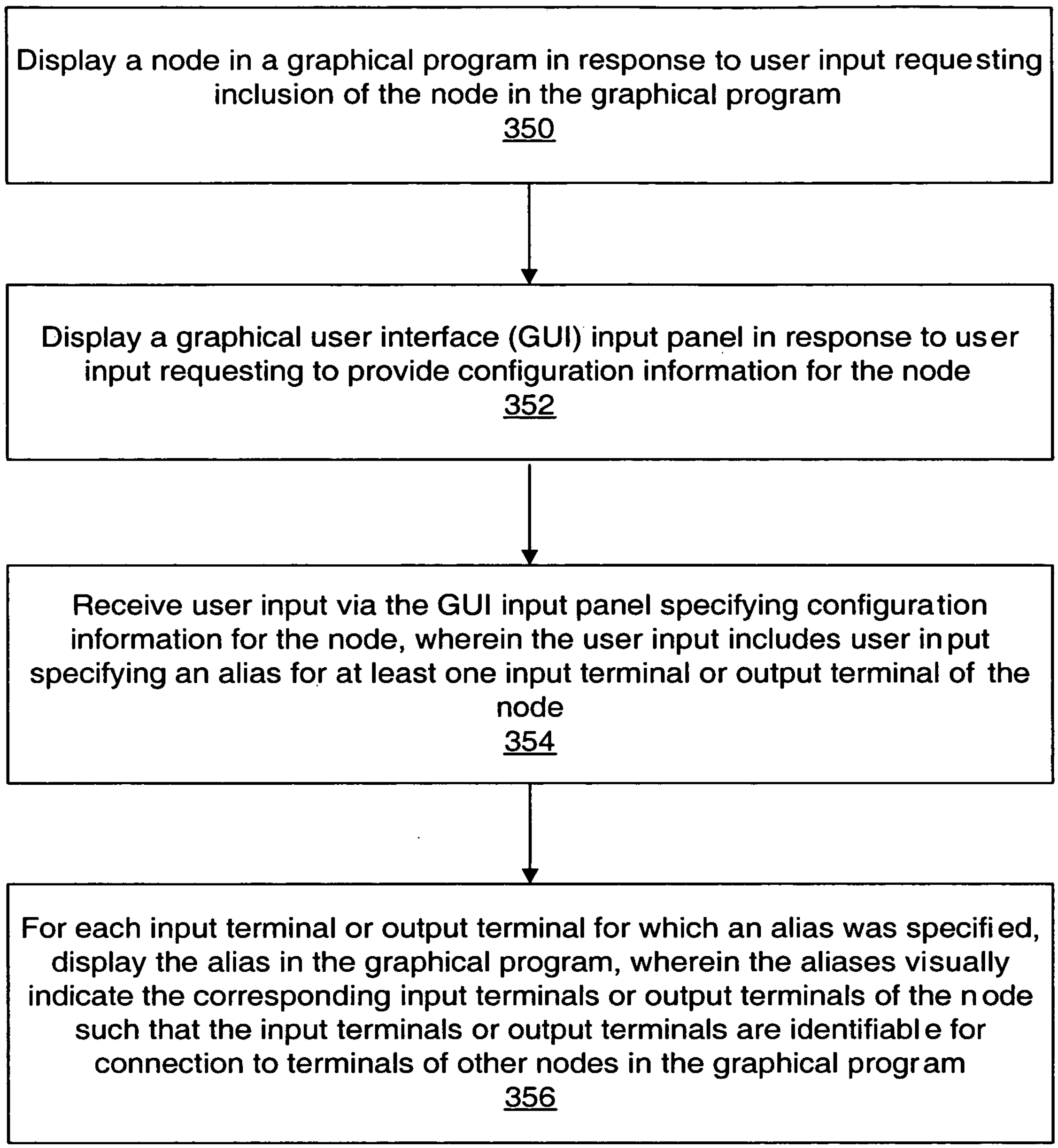

Display a node in a graphical program in response to user input requesting inclusion of the node in the graphical program
350
Display a graphical user interface (GUI) input panel in response to user input requesting to provide configuration information for the node
352
Receive user input via the GUI input panel specifying configuration information for the node, wherein the user input includes user input specifying an alias for at least one input terminal or output terminal of the node
354
For each input terminal or output terminal for which an alias was specified, display the alias in the graphical program, wherein the aliases visually indicate the corresponding input terminals or output terminals of the node such that the input terminals or output terminals are identifiable for connection to terminals of other nodes in the graphical program
356

FIG. 26

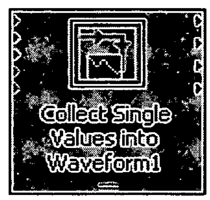
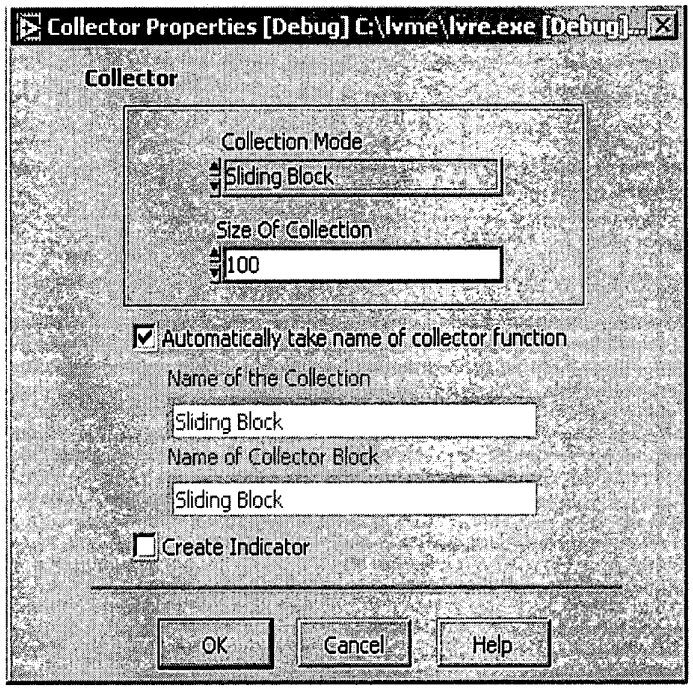


FIG. 27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Collector
Collection Mode
Sliding Block
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Sliding Block
Name of Collector Block
Sliding Block
Create Indicator
OK
Cancel
Help

FIG. 28

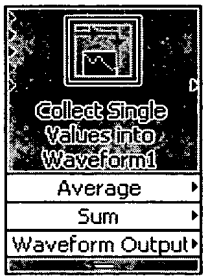
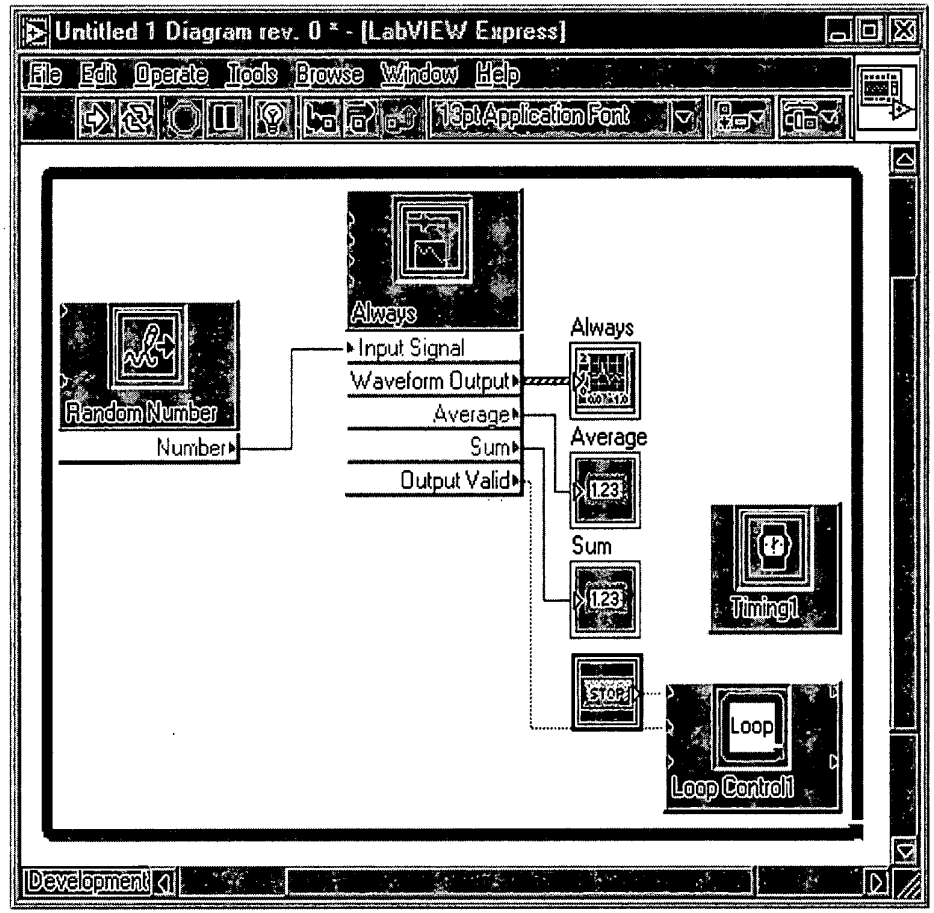

Collect Single Values into Waveform1
Average
Sum
Waveform Output

FIG. 29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Output Valid
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STOP
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Loop
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Development

FIG. 30

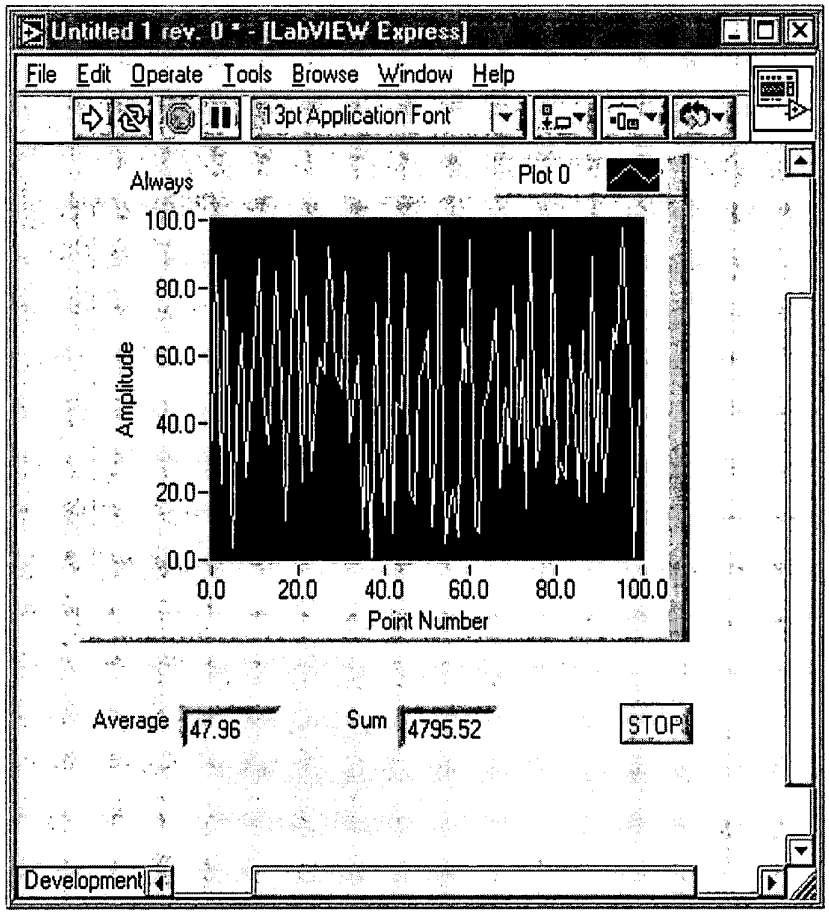
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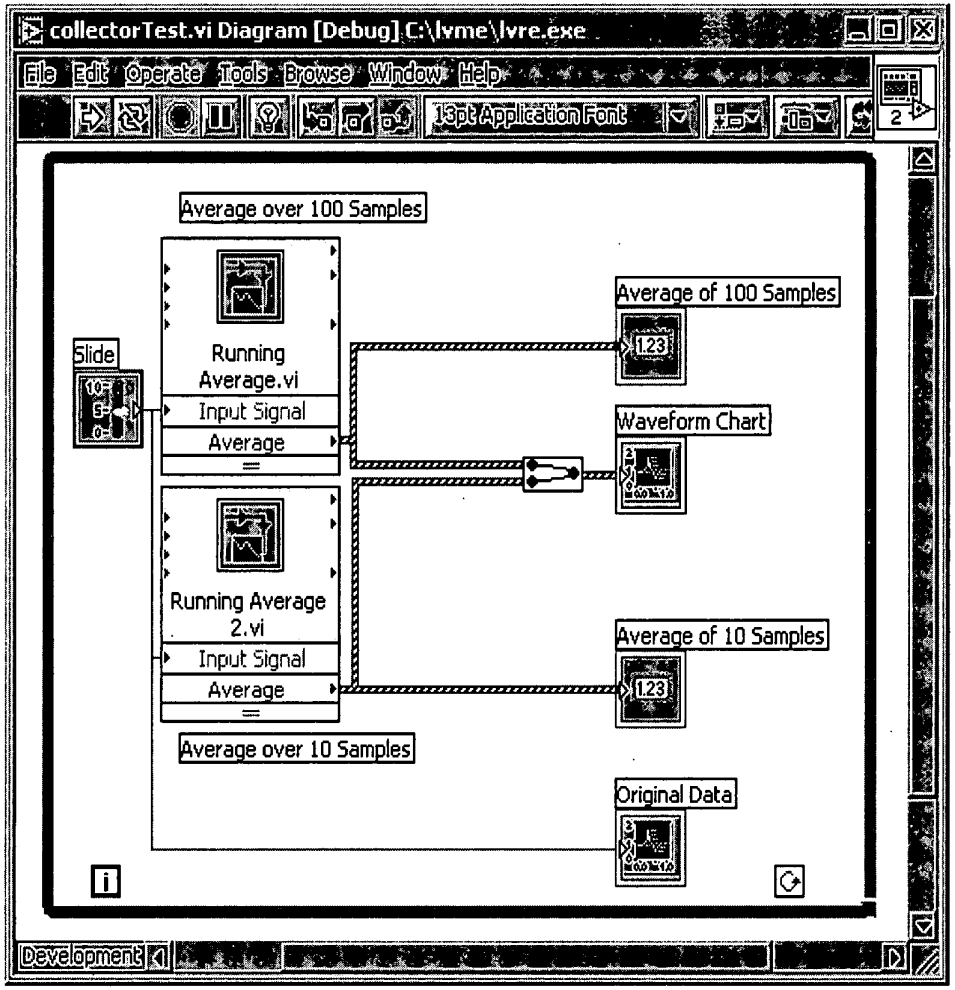
FIG. 31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Average over 100 Samples
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Input Signal
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Average of 100 Samples
Waveform Chart
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Input Signal
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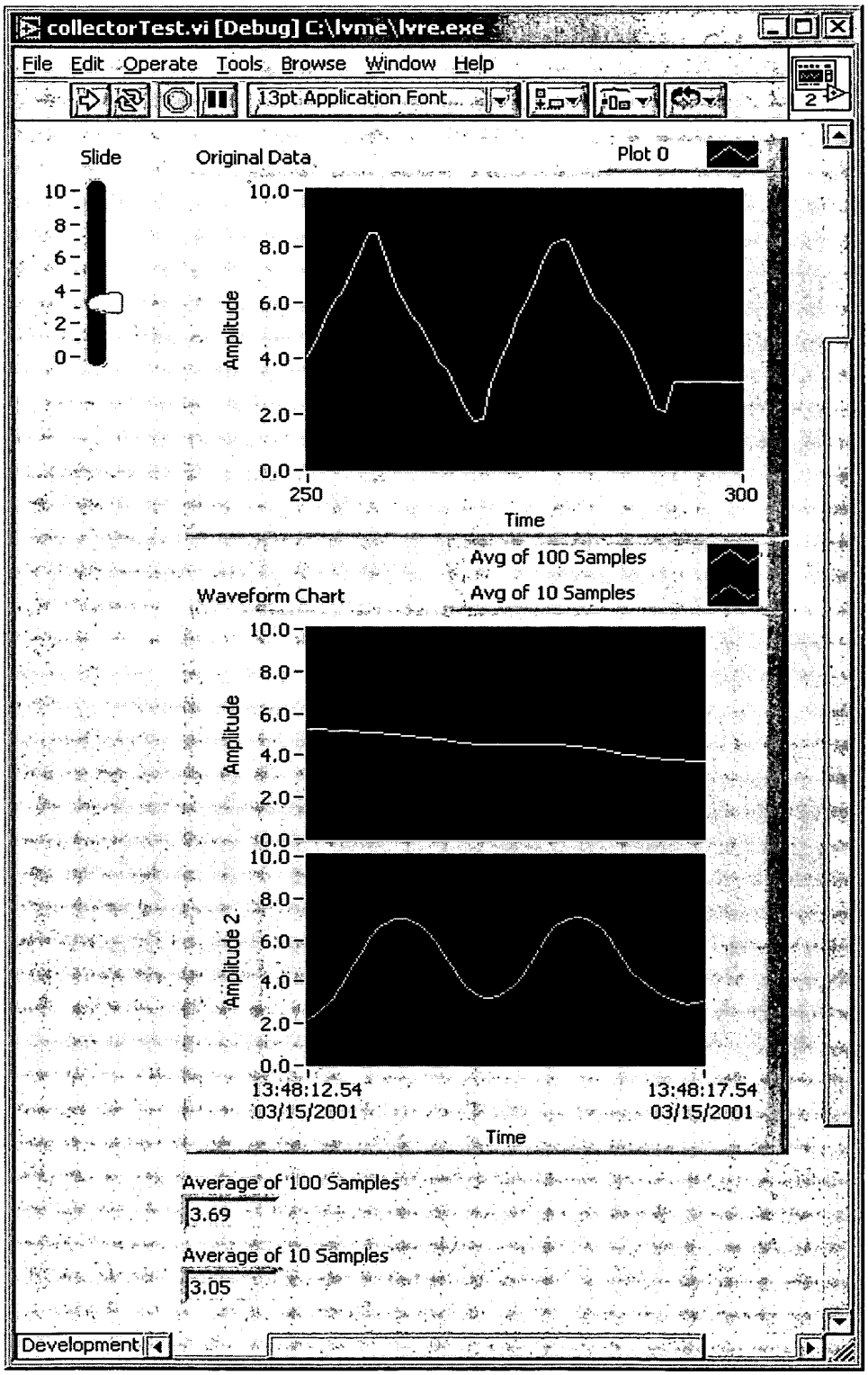
Average of 10 Samples
Average over 10 Samples
Original Data
Development

FIG. 32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13pt Application Font
Slide
Original Data
Plot 0
Amplitude
Time
Avg of 100 Samples
Avg of 10 Samples
Waveform Chart
Amplitude 2
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03/15/2001
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3.69
Average of 10 Samples
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Development

FIG. 33

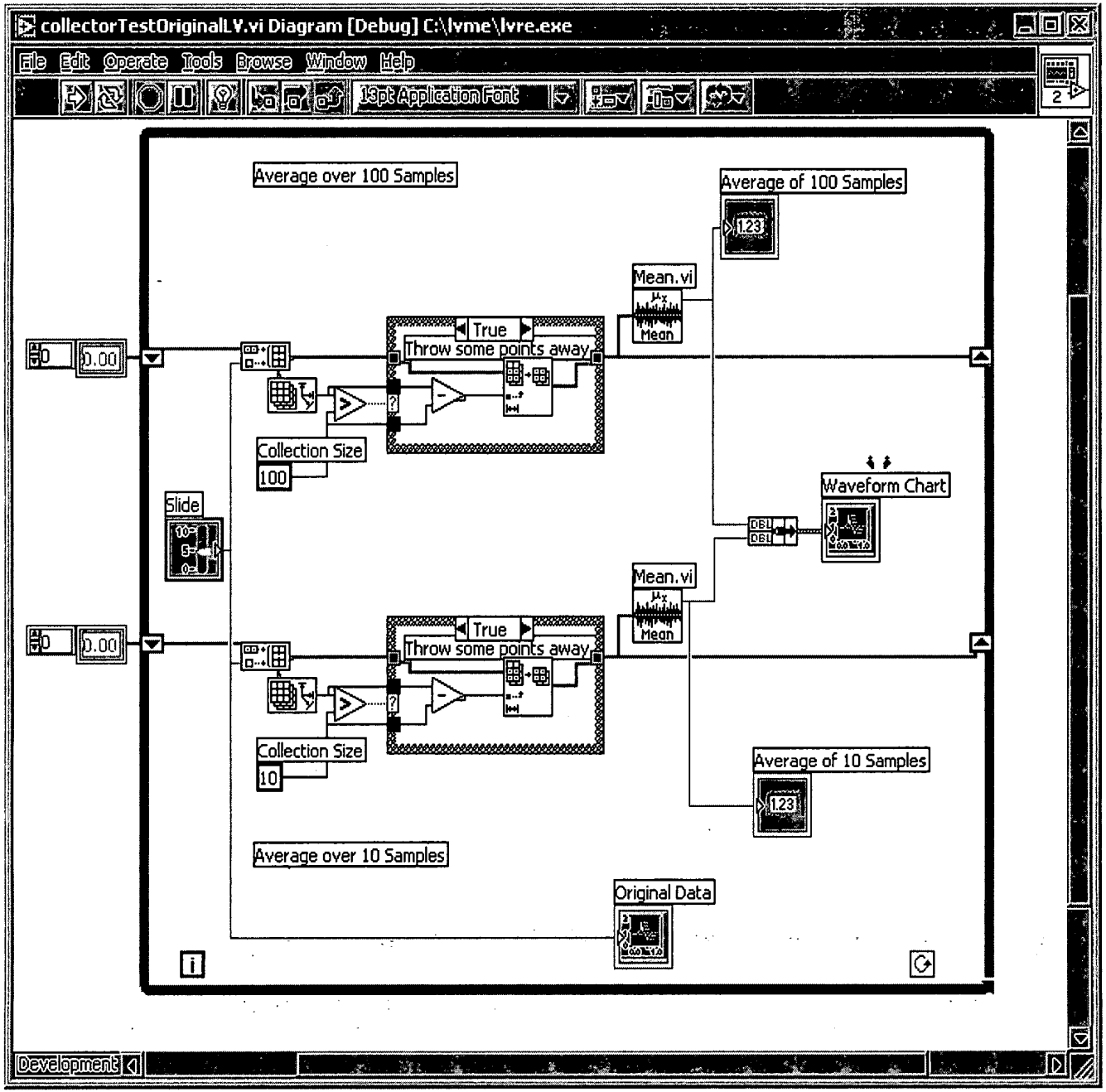

FIG. 34
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